Potable water supply in Maharashtra

1138. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages identified without potable water in each district of Maharashtra at the beginning of the Sixth Five-Year Plan;

(b) what is the number of villages in each District of Maharashtra which were provided potable water during the Sixth Five-Year Plan period; and

(c) what is the number of villages proposed to be provided with potable water in each district of Maharashtra during the Seventh Five-Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) and (b) Information is given in the Statement attached.

(c) 919 problem villages identified in 1980 spilling over to the Seventh Five Year Plan will be covered on priority basis during the Plan period. In addition, according to the priorities laid down, additional problem villages, if any, identified as on 1-4-85 and full coverage of partially covered problem villages habitations, especially habitations of Scheduled Castes ond Scheduled Tribes will be given priority during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The exact number of villages proposed to be provided with potable water in each district of Maharashtra during the Seventh Five-Year Plan will be known only after the Seventh Five Year Plan outlay for rural drinking water supply is finalised.

Statement

Point No. 3 of the New 20- Point Programme drinking water supply for Problem Villages Statement showing District wise Break up of Coverage of problem Villages.

S.No.	Name of District	No. of problem as on 1-4-80	1980-85 coverage upto 31-3-85 including partial coverage
1	2	3	4
1.	Thane	984	801
2.	Raigad	803	682
3.	Ratnagiri	638	534
4.	Jalgaon	319	309
5.	Dhule	379	359
6.	Nasik	507	441
7.	Pune	589	539
8.	Ahmednagar	695	665
9.	Solapur	1200	1135
10.	Sangli	377	351
11.	Satara	642	589
12.	Kolhapur	434	399

1	2	3	4
13.	Yeotmal	584	567
14.	Akola	310	307
15.	Buldhana*	224	227
16.	Amravati*	306	321
17.	Nagarpur	323	309
18.	Bhandara*	321	325
19.	Wardha	297	288
20.	Chandrapur	572	544
21.	Aurangabad	516	516
22.	Beed	401	384
23.	Parbhani*	283	310
24.	Nanded	470	384
25.	Osmanabad	761	739
		12935	12016

*In case of these 4 districts the State has shown excess coverage of villages over the total No. of villages identified as on 1-4-80.

Clarifications are being obtained from the State Govt.

Transfer of Officers of Central Information Service

1139. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 84 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1985 and state what are the reasons for which 178 officers who have completed six years in the same media unit and 160 officers who have remained posted at the same station for more than ten years have not been transferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Unlike other organised Central Services, Central Information Service, is not a homogeneous cadre, where a straight jacketed transfer Policy could be followed. The expertise required for each media unit and the language requirements of each post have to be kept in view while effecting the transfer. Certain Officers, are therefore, allowed to continue in the same media unit or at the same station purely due to the administrative exigencies. However, the position is reviewed from time to time and transfers are effected.

Distress Coconut sale in Kerala

1140. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale distress sale of coconut has taken place in Kerala this year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure